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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 24-55,63-92 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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1. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially);60,61

1.1. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially);60,61

Use of compounds of formula I (description page 49)
and tables 1 and 8 as far as covered by formula I

1.2. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula II and tables 1 and 8 as
far as covered by formula II

1.3. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula III and tables 1 and 8 as
far as covered by formula III

1.4. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula IV and tables 1 and 8 as
far as covered by formula IV

1.5. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula V and tables 1 and 8 as
far as covered by formula V

2. Claims: 1-55,63-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula VI and tables 1 and 8 as far as
covered by formula VI

3. Claims: 1-55,62-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula VII and tables 1 and 8 as far as
covered by formula VII

4. Claims: 1-55,62-92(all partially)

Use of compounds of formula VIII and tables 1 and 8 as far
as covered by formula VIII

5. Claims: 52-55,63-86,88-92(all partially);56-59

Use of compounds as defined in claims 56-59

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